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PROTEST I NOM **HAWAIIANS**

Senator Hoar Presents a Petition Signed by 21,269 Natives.

FOR RELIEF OF KLONDIKERS

An Attempt Is Made to Secure an Appropriation.

Senator Gallinger Opens the Discussion on the Pension Question and Holds That the Pensioning of Re-Married Widows Ought to Be Stopped .- House Enters Upon the Consideration of a Pension Bill. Democrats Vie with Republicans in Professing Friendship for the Old Soldiers.

Washington, Dec. 9.-The senate did considerable amount of business today, although no very important measures were considered or passed and there was very little debate, Senator Gallinger, chairman of the committee on pensions, called attention to the increasing demand for private pension legislation, and requested Senators to be careful in the future to see that their bills for private pensions were meritorious before they were in-Senator Hear presented a petition signed by 21.269 natives of Hawaii, protesting against the annexathose islands to the United States. An attempt was made by Senator McBride to secure an appropriation for the relief of the Klondike miners, but the net result was a resolution calling on the secretary of war for all information he had on the subject. An hour was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills and 45 were passed. The resolution of the Pacific railroad committee asking information regarding the sale of the Kansas Pacific was passed, which gave Senator Gear, of Iowa, and Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, an opportunto make short speeches congratulating the country upon the settlement of the Pacific railroad question. Some work was laid out for next week. Senator Carter securing the right of way Monday and Tuesday for his census Senator Lodge had the immi gration bill made the unfinished bust ness during the week.

Senator Gallinger, in discussing th pension question, said the practice of pensioning re-married widows and several other similar classes of claimants ought to be stopped. He thought that the recommendation of the commissioner of pensions that a law should be enacted speedily, providing that pension should be granted to a widow if her marriage to the soldier had been subsequent to the passage of the law under which he was drawing a pension ought to be enacted into law.

In response to a question by Mr. Allen (Neb.), Mr. Gallinger said that he was opposed to the granting of large pensions to widows of distinguished officers. "We have reached the limit in that regard," said he, "and it is time that we should stop."

Among the bills passed was one providing for the erection of a public building at Washington, Pa. The senate adjourned until next Mon-

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, Dec. 9.-The house to day entered upon the consideration of the pension appropriation bill and stirred up a debate that promises to con tinue for several days. Several of the southern Democrats offered criticisms of various classes of pensioners, and Private John Allen, of Mississippi, who led the assault in a speech replete with his characteristic humor, presented a series of amendments designed, as he said, to correct some of the most glaring evils. They prohibit the granting of pensions to widows whose applications were not filed during their wislowhood and the granting of pensions t widows whose applications were based on marriages contracted after the passage of this act and to permanently insane or idiotic minors who had reached their majority. The northern Democrats, however, vie with the Republicans in their professions of friendship for the soldiers, and one of them Mr. Norton, of Ohio, declared that the Republicans could not make the bill too large for him. It was admitted on both sides of the house during the dis cussion that the \$140,000,000 carried by the bill for pensions would not cove the expenditures but as congress would be in session Mr. Cannon said it would be easy to make good any deficiency

The bill carries \$141,121,830, of which \$1,121,830 are for fees of examining surgeons, salaries of agents, clerk hire, and other items for the execution of the pension laws. Mr. W. A. Stone (Rep., Pa.), in charge of the bill, expinined the different items. Mr. Stone then yielded to Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations. who made a general statement of the estimates submitted by the secretary the treasury for the public service of 1899 for the purpose, he said, of disabusing the minds of members and the country of a false impression made by a comparison of these estimates with ose of preceding years. The estimat ed revenues for 1899 were \$482,000,000, the expenditures \$504,000,000, showing an estimated deficit of \$21,000,000, 17nder the last sundry civil act the scere tary of the treasury, he pointed our was compelled to estimate this year for \$15,600,000 of river and harbor work \$25,600,000 of which had not been authorized by law. If this sum not hereofore included in the estimates were deducted there would be an estimated surplus of \$8,000,000 instead of a de-

ESTIMATED DEFICIT. Last year the estimated deficit un-

If the \$17,000,000 for river and harbor work for which the government then stood bound had been included, the estimated deficit would have been \$63. 000,000; Mr. Cannon gald it might be that the expenditures for pensions for 1899 would exceed the estimates. The ommissioner of pensions estimated the expenditures at \$148,000,000. If he should prove to be right, Mr. Cannon pointed out that the \$140,000,000 appropriated by this bill would pay all pensions for the first eleven months of the fiscal year and a deficiency appropriation could be easily made. In conclusion Mr. Cannon selemnly warn-ed the house that the large anticipatory importations would keep the revenues under the present law down to the minimum and he appealed to his colleagues to see to it "that while the public service was sufficiently supplied with money not one dollar is appropriated which is not absolutely necessary to the best interests of the public service." This statement of Mr. cannon was warmly applauded on the Re-

oublican side. Mr. McRae (Dem. Ark.) advocated as the first step the transfer of the pension office to the war department,

where it will be out of politics. Mr. Norton (Dem., O.) declared that was not the Democratic side of the use which was assaulting the pention roll. He charged that Commisdoner Evans both on the streets and sefore the pension committee had adcated a law that would hereafter out off the widow and the orphan. He said the pension office required testimony which was not in existence. He stood ready, he said, to aid in sweep-

ing away these senseless regulations. "While your party had the presidency and the senate and house, asked Mr. Stone (Rep., Pa.,) why did you remedy some of the evils."

"When God or the country had the misfortune to give the only Democratic president we have had since the civil war," replied Mr. Norton, "we found it too late. He belonged to you and you owned him." (Democratic ap-

plause.) "Remedies don't begin with the president," said Mr. Stone, "but with congress, "Why did a Democratic conmouths to complain." (Republican ap-

should you sit by supinely and not seek to correct?" (Democratic applanse and Republican Jeers.) At this point the committee rose

and the house adjourned. The following bill was introduced in the house today: By Mr. Hicks (Pa.) for the relief of persons who served ninety days or more in the various construction corps in the army.

BIG STEEL POOL.

Some Sort of a Deal Is Evidently on Foot .- The Position of the Lackuwanna Company --- Consolidation

Philadelphia, Dec. 9.-No definite onfirmation could be obtained in this ity today regarding the current reports of a pool among the big stee ompanies, by which the Carnegi-Cambria and Illinois companies are te confine their sales to the territory west f the Alleghenies, while the Bethle hem Iron company, the Pennsylvania Steel company and the Lackawanna Steel company are to be allotted the field east of that point. As a part of this understanding, it was also said that prices in the Western territory are to be about fifty cents higher than in the east, and that the scale in each division will allow for freight differen-

Little doubt is entertained that some such deal is under way, but its exact terms are unknown. largely interested in one of the leading companies in the east and generally familiar with every important sten taken by it, said that they had participated in any conference booking to the reported division of ter-ritory, but that he understood that the question of territory had been disussed by the Illinois Steel company and the Lackawanna company.

An official of the Pennsylvania Steel impany said that he knew nothing bout the alleged pool, and stated poson foot his company had not been in-

vited to the conference. The reported deal between the Illinois Steel company and the Lackawan na company is regarded with marked disfavor by other eastern companies. An official of one of them said that the reported subsidizing of the Lackawanna concern the situation could be made extremely threatening for the other eastern companies. The Lackawanna in that event with a guaranteed profit upon every ton of steel sold could go into the eastern market and dispose of its product at prices that would mean ruin to the there. Their ruin once accomplished, the western companies would have the entire field, both east and west, together with the export trade,

ATTACKED BY A CRAZY PRISONER. Help Came or Constable Dore Might Have Been Killed.

Bridgeton, N. J., Dec. 9.-Constable Harry R. Dore, while acting as warden in the absence of Warden Watkins, last night, was murderously attacked by Norman Biddle, an insanc prisoner. Dore was terribly cut on the head with a bottle with which the prisoner struck him, and might have been beaten to death but for the timerescue of a colored prisoner, who prang to his assistance.

It is not known how Biddle secured he bottle, but when Dore entered his cell he sprang at him in a crazy frenzy and dealt him two stunning blows upon the head. Biddle was secured with handcuffs and will be sent to the insane asylum.

LYNCHED A NAKED MAN.

Nob Tore Off the Victim's Clothes and Hanged Him to a Tree.

Carson, Nev., Dec. 9.-Stripped of all clothing. Adam Uber, who last week killed Hans Anderson in a saloon, was taken from jail at Genoa yesterday morning by a mob of masked men and hanged to a tree, As the body was being drawn up the fer the last tariff act was \$46,000,000. lynchers riddled it with builets.

LONG PLEADS FOR CIVIL SERVICE

Hopes That the Present System Will Not Be Impaired.

Body of the People Have No Desire to Go Back to the Old System. Many Deserving Men Dismissed Under the Former Order of Things.

Washington, Dec. 9 .- Secretary Long,

the navy, today expressed the hope that the present civil service system will not be impaired. He said he had entire sympathy with the congressen who are brought directly in contact with applicants for official posi-tion, but believes that the president is right and should be sustained. He was of the opinion that the areat body of the people have no desire to go back to the old system-certainly not if their attention is called to the merits of the With great deference for the plaion of others who differed from him, the views which before occupying his present position he had held with regard to the benefits of the present system had been confirmed by his experience in the navy depart-

After detailing the murits of the system, the secretary added that it is his it-and that he has never yet ceased to recognize the wisdom and good sense congress, and does not believe, repexenting as it does the best sentiment of the day, that it will differ from the sident as to the improvement unfor the new order of things. His own political experience had been enough to inform him that there are man cases of deserving men, who, under the old system were discharged from places which they had honorably and gress do nothing but reduce the pen-ston roll? It does not lie in your under a just grievance, feel like break ing cown the bars which have row been put up to prevent just such in-"If we committed a wrong, why justice in the future

· But it may be a question, said the secretary, whether they represent the opinion of the great body of the people any more than one man on a crowded street who lifts aloud his voice and alone fills the public car, is the voice of the rost of the great multitude who walk its pavement. strong appeal to smash the civil service is made to congress by those who are out because they regard it as one obstacle to their getting in. But if it were emashed and changes made, th number of the unprovided for would still be ten or more to one, just at present, and the disappointment would be so wide reaching that the dissatisfaction with members of congress for changing the law for the particubenefit of only a few would be fit of all.

THE RUSH TO THE KLONDIKE.

At Least 50,000 Persons Will Make the Trip in the Spring.

Denver, Dec. 9.-John Francis, gen eral passenger agent of the Chicago Burlington and Quincy railroad stopped over in Denver on his way home from the Pacific coast, "There is going to be a big rush of travel to Alaska when the season opens," said Mr. Francis "People are preparing to go from every state in the Union and from almost very town. There will be at least 50,-000 persons who will make the trio, and the crowd may reach twice that

"I do not suppose they will all get as far as the Klondike; many will not get beyond Portland. In a rush such as this will be there will always be nersons who start out without making sufficient preparation, and will have to give up before they get to their des-

"The railroads will take care of the crowds without any trouble. All the lines are bidding for the business and crowds promptly."

MISSBURI BANKERS MEET.

Complain of Ill-Treatment at the finnds of Express Companies.

St. Louis, Dec. 2.-At a meeting of the council of administration of the Missouri Bankers' association much dissatisfaction was expressed at treatment accorded the country bankera by express companies.

It was agreed by all that the express companies' rates were excessive, and many bankers complained that the service was faulty. It was further charg-ed that some of the companies were doing a banking business themselves on the capital of others, much to the injury of the licensed institutions and entrary to the laws of the state.

The meeting was behind closed doors and resulted in the adoption of a resolution, the tenor of which was that the association discouraged the cashing of express company money orders, and favored a new method which provides for the shipping of money through the United States in registered packages with an insurance attachment.

SUICIDE OF AN EDITOR.

His Predecessor Killed Himself and Wrote the Account.

Preston, Ia., Dec. 9.-Editor Elmer W. R ed, of the Preston Times, shot imself last evening through the head, ving the second man holding the chief celtion on that paper to commit suide within a couple of years. Reed's predecessor, Editor Liddle,

created a sensation by writing up an ecount of his suicide, with head-lines, on the day the paper was to appear, and then throwing himself before a train at the place and in the manner he had described;

Murder or Suicide?

Dayton, O., Dec. 2.—Charles Middlertet-er, aged 19, was either foully murdered r committed suicide last night. His hody was found on the roadside near his wheel. A bullet hole was in his head and a revolver nearby. He started to visit cration of railroad orders is coming in bis sister at Bellbrook, and was found and is practically unanimous in favor of near his journey's end. There is no cause it. Other orders, except engineers, have

GAS TRUST FORMED.

Big Companies in New York City Have Consolidated. New York, Dec. 9 .- A number of the

arger gas companies of Boston were purchased by the New England Gas and Coke company today. Stephen Peabody, of this city, is authority for the statement. The price paid for the PRESIDENT SHOULD BE SUSTAINED companies was \$14,000,000. The amount loes not represent all the capital inested, because many of the stock-He is of the Opinion That the Great holders of the companies absorbed have been given stock in the New England ompany under the consolidation plan. The first intimation of the consolidation leaked out through the announcement that a vast amount of coal had been purchased by Beston capitalists from the Domonion Coal company. The nen who were mentioned as having purchased the coal declined to talk, but the fact that a contract had been igned by which the New England Gas and Coke company bound itself to buy he 600,000 tons of coal was easily verified. The purchasers of the coal re-served the right in their contract to ncrease the amount of coal to 1,200,000 tons annually.

The men who effected the consolllation are Hollister and Habcock, Stephen Peabody, Henry T. Dimrock, Almeric H. Paget, Anthony N. Brady and Emerson McMillin, of New York; William L. Elkins, of Philadelphia; William Flinn, of Pittsburg; Henry M. Whitney, Richard Olney, former secretary of state, and Robert W. Lord, of Boston.

Many of the interests in the consoliintion are identical with those of the Metropolitan Street Railway company

It is said that the consolidation will mye no effect upon the price of gas. Greater profits than formerly are likey to come to those interested in the ombine, however, because of the improved machinery which is covered by patents owned by the New England company.

GENERAL UNREST AMONG THE MOSLEMS

Another Outbreak Is Feared in Turkey .- The Georgians Display Hostility Toward the Armenians.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.-Throughout Russian Asia there is general unrest among the Moslems. It is attributed to the exaggerated reports of the Turkish victory over the "great Greek empire" which have spread through the length and breadth of the continent. The authorities even fear that the revival of brigandage recently noted in the caucasus is directed ulmost soleegainst the government officials, and ic unprecedented phenomenon of Georgians displaying hestility towards

Armenians has become manifest, The danger is so serious that a conference of Caucasian governors has een convoked to concert measures of pacification. Travelers in Central Asia report an extraordinary ferment among greater, he added, than it is now for the Moslems of different races. They letting it stand for the general bene- are sinking their mutual animosities ommon chief.

and declaring that they are first of all Mohammedans with the sultan as their It is evident that the slightest preext would suffice to bring about uprising and to plunge Russia into the

STRUCK DOWN IN HIS STORE.

same sea of troubles as India,

Boston Druggist Assaulted and Robbed of \$1,200.

Boston, Dec. 9 -Newell Paine, proprictor of a drug store at 1181 Tremont street, was assaulted last night and robbed of \$1,200 by an unknown man who entered his store about 11 o'clock, Mr. Paine was alone in the store when man about 30 years of age entered and drawing his revolver, thrust it in Mr. Paine's face, saying: "I am a lesperate man and want your money. Mr. Paine resisted and was struck ver the head several times with the revolver and fell senseless. The rober then dragged him into a back room where there were several trunks in which he kept his valuables, and while his victim lay unconscious on the floor, the trip will be made as comfortable | the robber took from the trunks \$1.200 as possible. I understand that there in bills and left. A patrolman soon will be enough steamships to carry the after found Mr. Paine where the robber left him. A physician reported that Mr. Paine would recover.

DESPERATE LYNCHERS.

Armed with Dynamite They Defr Officers Sent to Arrest Them.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 9.-The min ers at Bonanza have acknowledged their participation in the lynching of Constable Murray. It is said they ave sent word to Sebastian county officers that if they want to arrest any of their number to come down to the snafts of the mine and get all they want. They are well supplied with dynamite, and it is known that their purpose is to blow up the mine if an effort is made to apprehend them. The mine is surrounded by a strong osse, the sheriff being in command. He says he will force the miners to capitulate even if he has to fire the

There are about 300 miners believed to have had a hand in the lynching, and bloodshed is expected to follow the apprehension of the culprits.

Women Were Robbers.

New York, Dec. 9.-Because he refuse o pay money on demand, Carmeni Freda an Italian laborer, of Williams Bridge, was today held up by two Italian women, while Luigi Den inlee fired two sho ting and right hip. His condition is serious. Dominico disuppeared after the shooting and the two women, Alexandra Deminico and Francesca Brassia were

Spicide of a Ship Chandler,

Baltimere, Dec. 9.—Granville Loud, sen-or member of the firm of Loud, Claridge k Co., ship chandlers, this city, com-nitted suicide today by shooting himsel through the head. Business anxieties are assigned as the cause. Mr. Loud was about 60 years old and has been in business here for 45 years.

Vote on Railroad Federation. Peoria, Ill., Dec. 2.—The vote of the iretherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Railroad Trainmen on the question of fed-

FIFTH DAY OF THE BICYCLE RACE

Hale Outstrips His Figures.

IS NOW 24 MILES AHEAD OF TIME

Stephane, the French Rider, Is Exhausted .- Hale and Elkes Loom Up as Dark Horses -- Opinion of Champion August Lehr, of Germany.

New York, Dec. 9.-Hale's record for 1896 will look ridiculous when this year's figures in full are placed up against it. In this contest Hale has outstripped his own figures and was twenty-four miles ahead of them at ninety-two hours. Last year he had 1396 miles to his credit, and tonight he had covered 1330. Stephane, the French rider, from

whom so much was expected, was offic-

ially declared out of the race tonight,

He had not been on the track since this morning. He was thoroughly exhausted. Miller seems to be absolutely tircless when on the wheel. He is fast ap proaching the automatic state. His eyes stare straight ahead and were it

not for his occasional great spurts he would seem to be lost to all conscious-Hale and Elkes are looming up as dark horses. They are the freshest men on the track, with the advantage in favor of the Glens Falls youth, who still cuts a pace that the rest of the bunch find it hard to keep up with.

He has had over twenty hours' sleep since the race started, and lots of speed is left in him yet. Hale astonished the throng when, along about 8.30 p. m. he began to spurt. He looked as if he had just gone into the race, and rode along for a while at exhibition speed. He is showing great form. Gus Busgland,

ondition is improving greatly as the hours roll by, August Lehr, champlon of Germany, who arrived on the steamship Trave today, and who will participate in the sprint races in the garden this week visited the hall tonight, and speaking

Miller's trainer, says that the leader's

about the contest, said: "I think this is the greatest race I ever saw, and feel sure that it is the greatest in the world. I am very much surprised at the crowds that come to see it and the enthusiasm. I will test the track temorrow myself, but I think now before I have been on it that it could not be built better under the cir cumstances, which is proven by the speed that the riders are maintaining and the few falls that have occurred since I have been watching the race."

THE TRACK ALL RIGHT. quarters that the track is not correct, Chages W. Ashinger, the builder, makes affidavit that it is within all the

Jimmie Michael rode five miles exhibition, paced, in 19,10. Police Inspector Breoks, with several pelice surgeons, visited the garden to-night and made a thorough inspection. They said that they found no cause fer

complaint and that interference would unwarranted. Eddie Bald gave a mile exhibition, acced. His time was 1.54 4-5.

Miller was compelled to leave the track at 10 o'clock but returned in 20

Pierce returned to the track at 19 p. m, after an absence of an hour Miller and Waller indulged in a spurt at 19.45 o'clock, with Beacom making

the pace. Rice was close behind with Julius well up. Schinneer crowded the bunch with Enterman, Johnson, King and Gray doing solos. Golden was doing a little bit too. Gannon, Hale and Elkes were off the track at that time.

The score at 12.15 a. m. w	1840	
	Milles.	Laps.
Miller		7
Rice	1.492	4
Rivierre	1,499	0
Schinneer		8
degree		- 6
Waller	1.1297	
Hale concessions	1,369	4
Pierce	1,050	7
Eikes	1.955	-65
dolden		19.
Enterman		111
Gannon	1.190	63
Kinz		0
Jalius	1.143	7
Beacom	355	26
Johnson		1
Gray	897	4

Miller was 211 miles, 7 laps ahead of

the record for 96 hours. MAY BECOME MANIACS. Henry Steinert, counsel to the board

of health of this city, speaking about the bicycle race today, said. "It is a brutal exhibition and should e discontinued forthwith. It is not a scientific exhibition, but one in which sheer brute force prevails. If it can e proven to the board of health that t is detrimental to the life and health of the participants, then the board can step in and stop it.

Dr. Edward W. Martin, of the health board, speaking on the same subject, said: "No horse, or locomotive on the New York Central could do what the men in that race have done up to the present time. The participants can never recover from the effects of the strain, and I would not be surprised if some of them became raving maniacs before Saturday night."

Moure 1.425 Waller 1.358

Miles, Laps

The score at 1.15 a. m. was:

Miller was 299 miles shead of the record

Secret of the Drevius Agitation. Paris, Dec. 9.-La Patrie today prints a nsational statement, the substance which is that the Dreyfus agitation is the outcome of an international plot to divert France's attention from events abread, adding that an international synileate with this object in view, backet Belgium and developed them in Germany,

German Naval Bill.

Berlin, Dec. 9 .- The debate on the goverament's naval bill was continued in the releasting today and the bill was referred 10 Neighboring County Happenings,

AT THE POINT OF DEATH:

Mrs. Mckinley Still Lingers on the Dividing Line.

Canton, O., Dec. 9.-The day has been almost devoid of incident in the room of Mrs. McKinley, who still lingers at the point of death. Her rest during the day seemed a trifle less peaceful than heretofore, and at times she experierced trouble in breathing, the coubl being accompanied by apparet distress in the throat, the direct evi 'ucc

of which was an ominous rattle. At neither of his calls today dit the attending physician notice a distinct change in the condition, and each time be expressed hopes of survival for some hours to come. Just before dinner this evering he was there and thought there were very good prespects of her living throughout the night. At this tim President McKinley was not as hope ful as the doctor. He thought his mother had failed very rapidly during the day and that she was so weak and that the end could not much lenger be delayed. He has been at the bedside nearly all day. He took but a few hours' rest this morning and with his brother, Abner, took a short walk during the day. The patient has taken no nourishment since morning, and has not even taken a sip of water for many hours. That she retains life so long without any courishment is the most surprising feature of the case.

PARALYZED ON HIS WHEEL.

Cyclist's Extraordinary Century Runs at Night.

New York, Dec. 9.—An extraordin-ity attempt made by William H. Anderson to smash the bicycle record for consecutive daily century runs has ome to an abrupt end on the fortyeighth trip-his left arm fell to his side paralyzed and he had to be helped

A remarkable feature of Mr. Ander son's runs was that they were all made at night and at an unfavorable time of the year. He is a tall, slender young man, who has a thriving printng business, and his wife is an enthusiastic cyclist and gave bim great encouragement in his attempt.

FIVE PERSONS ARE BRUTALLY MURDERED

Shocking Tragedy at Wesson, Miss. A Mother and Four Children Killed by an Unknown Negro.

Wesson, Miss., Dec. 9.-The wife and our children of Brown Smith, a planter living in Simpson county, twenty niles from here, were murdered last night while a fifth child was terribly injured. Mr. Smith, who is a son of x-Representative Edward Smith, went to a nearby town yesterday afternoon, leaving his family at home. This morning when he returned he found his wife and five children welt ring in their blood and apparently all dead. An alarm was raised immediately and the entire neighborhood turned out to hunt for the perpetrator of the crime. There being no tele graph connections, details of the mur der come in slowly, but it is reported this evening that one of the little girl supposed this morning to have bee dead, has revived enough to tell what she knew of the occurrence. She said she knows the man who committed the deed; that it was a negro, and de scribed him. A posse is now on the track of the murderer, and there is great probability that he will be apprehended before morning. There can se but little doubt that he will meet speedy justice when caught without vaiting for the formality of a court. It is learned that Mrs. Smith and her four children are dead. Sheriff's McNair, of Lincoln, and Thempson, of Copian counties, have gone to the see of the murder, each with a pack of trained bloodhounds.

TOO MANY ORNAMENTAL FIREMEN. Burlington Will Cut Down the Num-

ber and Save Money. Burlington, N. J., Dec. 2.-Walter E Dobbins threw a bomb into the com-mon council session last night when he moved to curtail the number of active ffremen in the city. Mr. Dobbins said in defense of his measure that taxation on \$60,000 worth of property was lost through exemption allowed firemen amounted to \$1.400 a year. He said his aim was to strike those who were active firemen in name onlythose who paid in \$1 a year to the department and drew out the equivalent of \$12 in exemptions.

After a stormy debate the motion prevailed.

Iron Mine Closed.

Ely, Minn., Dec. 9.—The Pioneer iron nine closed down today, throwing 250 ren out of employment. The suspension is the result of a dispute among the ownrs over a proposition to sell to the Car

Dry Dock Bill.

Washington, Dec. 9, - Representative outenslager, of New Jersey, introduces bill today for the construction of a imber of dry docks. Among the ap-opriations made therein is one of \$250. 56 for League Island, Pa.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair: Southerly Winds.

General-Spain Will Pight Should Uncle Sam Intervene in Ceba. Senator Hear Presents a Protest from Hawaiians Against Annexation. Secretary of the Navy Long Pleads

The Bicycle Ruces. State—A Wilkes-Barre Romance. Crazed Italian Tries to Kill an Entire Family.

for the Civil Service.

Local-Court Proceedings. Jimmy Judge Wins the Boxing Bout.

Editorial. Comments of the Press, Local-Big Bakery Trust Is Being

Busy Sessions of Councils, Local-Fire in Bellevue Mine

Van Horn Asks for a New Trial, Death of Jones Lauer. Local-West Side and Suburban,

The Markets.

SPAIN NOW **VERY SAUCY**

Ready, if Necessary, to Fight the United States.

HONOR WILL BE DEFENDED

Will Meet Mr. McKinley's Threatened Intervention.

At a Cabinet Council, Premier Sagasta Outlines the Opinious of the European Press, and Intimates That Uncle Sam Will Strike a Snag in Case He Interferes in the Aflairs at Cuba -- Advice Offered by the Spanish Newspapers.

Madrid, Dec. 9 -At a cabinet council oday, the queen regent presiding, Premier Sagasta outlined the opinions of the European press regarding President McKinley's message to congress, the majority of which were favorable to Spain. He further declared that in the event of the United States wishing to intervene in Cuba, it would find the government prepared to defend the rights and honor of Spain. As to the military operations in Cuba, the premier informed the cabinet that the results obtained were satisfactory. The premier also said he did not attach importance to "the attitude of certain senators.

The Imparcial says today that it takes for granted that the government will make the necessary preparations to "meet the intervention threatened by President McKinley," adding: "If the new loan for the re-organization for the navy is floated it is sure to succeed." In conclusion the Imparcial says? The responsibility of the government

opportunity offered to place the country in a position to defend its inter-The Ministerial Globs confirms the reports that the government is "mak-

is enormous if it fails to profit by the

COMMITTEE OPINIONS.

ing preparations to muct the threats

Statements by Mr. Adams and Mr. Berry on the Cuban Question. Washington, Dec. 9.—Representative

Adams, of Pennsylvania, who was today named as chairman of the subommittee on foreign affairs to deal with Cuban questions, when asked as to his views on the Spanish-Cuban status, said: "We, in a friendly way, through our minister at Madrid, Mr. Woodford, sug .

gested several things which Spain should do, such as the speedy trial of American prisoners, a more humano way of conducting the war and a better treatment of the concentrados. Those suggestions were made just before the fall of the last Spanish ministry. With the accession of the Sagasta cabinet these propositions received favorable recognition and by the recall of Weyler, the freeing of every American citizen, the returning to their homes, and the feeding of the oncentrados. Spain has carried out every friendly proposition of our governnent. She now promises a more liberal government to the Cubans, autonomous in character, and under such conditions the administration feels called upon to give the reforms on the part of Spain a fair trial. In fact, under diplomatic usage, our friendly offers having been accepted, we must at least give the Spanish ministry chance to carry out the reform and await the result."

Representative Berry, of Kentucky, the Democratic member of the Cuban sub committee, said:

"I am in favor of the recognition of the belligerency of the Cubans. The people of my section feel that way and would be ready to fight to sustain that principle. It seems to me that auton-omy is a gold brick proposition. Spain has had three years to close the war and has done nothing. I am not anxious to rush our country into a foreign complication but after 150,000 lives have been sacrificed in Cuba it is about time we did something.

Quiet at Port-au-Prince.

ther developments.

Representative Heatwele, the other

member of the sub-committee, will not

be interviewed, saying he would in-

vestigate the subject and await fur-

Port-ast-Prince, Dec. 9.—The night passed very quietly and today all the stores were such and there was no ex-cliement apparent among the people. Two warships, a French cruiser, the Admirat Bigault de Genouilly and an American vessel entered the port this morning,

Paris Students Active.

Paris, Dec. 2.-A mob of students made demonstration this afternoon in front of the Luxemberg palace, where the sen-ate sits, shouting: Down with Scheurer-Kerslner! Down with the senate!" T students were dispersed by the police,

The Herald's Weather Porecast.

New York, Dec. 19.—In the middle states and New England, today, fair to parily cloudy weather will prevail with a considerable rise in temperature and light to fresh southwesterly to southerly winds, followed by light rain this afternoon in the western districts and possibly on the seaboard in the night. On Saturday, in both of these sections, partly cloudy to cloudy weather will prevail, with fresh to brisk southerly winds, becoming some-what viriable, and nearly stationary, followed by slowly falling temperature and